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POLICE REMIND DRIVERS OF SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

As children return to school, Carlsbad Police Department reminds citizens to reduce speeds to 25 mph in school zones and follow these tips for school zone safety:

- Drivers should slow down near schools and in residential areas.
- Drivers should look for clues such as bicycles or playgrounds that indicate children could be in the area.
- Drivers must use caution when there is any pedestrian or bicyclist in the roadway. All pedestrians have the right-of-way when crossing at any intersection.
- Pedestrians must exercise care for their own safety by not suddenly leaving a curb or darting out in front of vehicles close enough to be an immediate hazard.
- Pedestrians may not unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in the crosswalk.
- Persons must obey the direction of a crossing guard in the course of his/her duties while protecting any person crossing the street in the vicinity of a school.
- Many schools have "no parking" zones; drivers who violate these codes not only impede traffic flow but also endanger other drivers and will be cited.
- Know the traffic flow for your school. This will help speed up the dropping off and picking up of our children and increase safety.
- Reduce school congestion by carpooling or walking to school.
- Drivers must make sure that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up properly.

The safety of children is a top priority; Carlsbad Police Department asks that everyone join in the effort to protect our youth.

